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METHOD AND EQUIPMENT FOR FIBER OPTIC HIGH-RESOLUTION,  
IN PARTICULAR CONFOCAL, FLUORESCENCE IMAGING

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